REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	~cf1b02aec4471c7a69de70fd800.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Stated
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file entitled *~cf1b02aec4471c7a69de70fd800.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The publication presents an image of an infant girl being subjected to a sexual act by an adult. A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. Its purpose is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. By presenting such an image, the publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by small children. Such an image also advances the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.